AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An indicator apparatus, comprising:

a housing having a first side extending generally between second and third sides, the housing containing circuitry for performing a proximity sensing function; and

at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material extending through the first side and at least one of the second and third sides so that part of the strip is visible at the first side and the at least one of the second and third sides; ~~and~~

~~at least one retaining tab associated with the at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material, the retaining tab secures the at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material to the housing~~.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one elongated strip extends completely through the housing from the second side through to the third side and is exposed at the first side, whereby the at least one elongated strip is visible along the first side, the second side, and the third side.

5. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 4, wherein the second and third sides are opposed sides of the housing.

6. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one elongated strip further includes at least two elongated strips of the substantially translucent material, each of the at least two elongated strips extending through the first side and at least one of the second and third sides so that part of each of the elongated strips is visible at the first side and the at least one of the second and third sides, a partition of a substantially opaque material separating the at least two elongated strips.

7. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 6, further including a different light source operatively associated with each of the at least two elongated strips so that light from each light source illuminates a corresponding one the at least two elongated strips.

8. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 7, wherein each of the at least two elongated strips extends completely through the housing from the second side through to the third side and is exposed at the first side.

9. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 8, wherein the second and third sides are opposed sides of the housing.

10. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one elongated strip has an outer extent that substantially conforms to the contour of an adjacent outer sidewall portion of the housing.

11. (Currently Amended) An indicator system, comprising:

a housing having a first side extending between second and third sides, at least one elongated slot formed in the housing extending through the first side and at least one of the second and third sides, the housing containing an object detection circuit; and

a substantially translucent material being disposed in the slot adjacent a light source that is operative to, when activated, illuminate the translucent material, the translucent material being visible at the first side and the at least one of the second and third sides~~; and~~

~~a retainer that affixes the substantially translucent material in the slot~~.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The indicator system of claim 11, wherein the at least one elongated slot extends completely through the housing from the second side through to the third side and provides an opening along the first side, whereby the substantially translucent material is visible at the first side, the second side, and the third side.

14. (Original) The indicator system of claim 13, wherein the second and third sides are opposed sides of the housing.

15. (Original) The indicator system of claim 11, wherein the at least one elongated slot further comprises at least two elongated slots extending through the first side and at least one of the second and third sides, a partition of a substantially opaque separating the at least two elongated slots, translucent material being disposed in each of the at least two elongated slots so that the translucent material is visible at the first side and the at least one of the second and third sides.

16. (Original) The indicator system of claim 15, further including a different light source operatively associated with each of the at least two elongated strips so that light from each light source illuminates the translucent material in a corresponding one the at least two elongated slots.

17. (Original) The indicator system of claim 16, wherein each of the at least two elongated slots extends completely through the housing from the second side through to the third side and provides an opening along the first side.

18. (Original) The indicator system of claim 17, wherein the second and third sides are opposed sides of the housing.

19. (Original) The indicator apparatus of claim 11, wherein the at least one elongated strip has an outer extent that substantially conforms to the contour of an adjacent outer sidewall portion of the housing.

20. (Currently Amended) An indicator apparatus, comprising:

housing means having an outer sidewall portion and a network means that detects an object;

illumination means for, when activated, emitting light so as to represent an operating condition of the indicator system; and

substantially translucent means affixed to the housing means by a retaining tab and extending through a plurality of sides of the sidewall portion of the housing means for transmitting emitted light from the illumination means so as to be visible from the plurality of sides of the outer sidewall portion of the housing means.

21. (Currently Amended) A proximity sensor system, comprising:

a proximity sensor for sensing the proximity of an object;

an indicator housing having an outer sidewall portion with a plurality of sides;

at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material extending through at least one side of the sidewall portion through to another side of the sidewall portion so that part of the strip is visible at the at least one side and the another side of the sidewall portion; and

a light source operatively associated with the at least one elongated strip, the light source being operative to, when activated, illuminate the elongated strip, the light source being activated based on an operating condition of the proximity sensor system~~; and~~

~~a retaining apparatus that secures the at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material to the housing and over the light source~~.

22. (Previously Presented) The indicator apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one light source operatively associated with the at least one elongated strip so that light from the light source illuminates the at least one elongated strip.

23. (Previously Presented) The indicator apparatus of claim 1, the at least one light source has an illuminated condition and non-illuminated condition, each condition being indicative of a condition of a monitored aspect of system coupled to the indicator apparatus, and where a plurality of light sources each indicate a condition of a different monitored aspect of the system.

24. (Previously Presented) The indicator system of claim 11, wherein the light source has an illuminated condition and non-illuminated condition, each condition being indicative of an operating condition of the indicator system.

25. (New) The indicator system of claim 1, further comprising at least one retraining tab associated with the at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material, the retaining tab secures the at least one elongated strip of substantially translucent material to the housing.